

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ECONOMIC CONDITION OF FARMERS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the deteriorating economic condition of farmers of Rajasthan due to prolonged spell of drought especially in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts;
- (b) if so, remedial steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government propose to conduct a survey;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Barmer and Jaisalmer were among the 31 districts reported as drought affected by the Government of Rajasthan during 2000-01. Assistance amounting to Rs. 163.97 crore from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) was released to the State in the wake of drought, which is in addition to release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund. No report has so far been received from the State Government regarding deterioration in the economic condition of farmers.

(c) to (e): It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. In response to the Memorandum received from the State Government for assistance from the NCCF in the wake of drought of 2000-01, a Central Team had visited the State for assessment of the situation. No report has been received from the State Government regarding drought situation during 2001-02.